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SUBJ: MTN - SPECIFIC LDC MARKET ACCESS INDICATIVE LISTS

REF: A) STATE 89948; B) GENEVA 3089

1. ECON COUNSELOR CALLED APRIL 17 ON ANSAH-ANTWI, ACTING DIRECTOR, MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, MFA, AND MET APRIL 18 WITH PAUL ANKRAH, CHIEF COMMERCIAL OFFICER, MINISTRY OF TRADE TO MAKE POINTS AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL (A). ECON COUNSELOR LEFT INFORMAL PIECE OF PAPER TAKEN FROM PARAS 3 TO 8 REFTEL A WITH BOTH OFFICIALS.

2. ANSAH-ANTWI HAD REFERRED PAPER LEFT AT OUR EARLIER APPROACH TO MFA (ACCRA 1313) TO MINISTRY OF TRADE (ANKRAH) BUT GOG CONSIDERATION OF THAT APPROACH HAD NOT LED TO ANY CHANGE IN POSITION.

3. ANSAH-ANTWI HAD RECEIVED REPORT FROM GHANAIAI MISSION IN GENEVA ON US OFFER (SEE PARA 3 REFTEL B) WHICH HAD ALSO BEEN REFERRED TO MINISTRY OF TRADE.

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4. ANKRAH, WHO WAS VERY KNOWLEDGABLE ON MTN ISSUES READ INFORMAL PAPER AND IN RESPONSE, OFFERED WELL-KNOWN LDC ARGUMENTS AGAINST RECIPROCITY, BUT ADDED THAT GHANA WOULD BE TAKING STEPS TO REMOVE SOME NTB'S AND THAT THESE STEPS COULD BE REGARDED AS RESPONDING TO US NEED FOR RECIPROCITY. SPECIFICALLY, A TWO-MAN UNCTAD ADVISORY

TEAM HAD VISITED GHANA IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 1977 AND SUBMITTED A REPORT RECOMMENDING STREAMLINING CUSTOMS PROCEDURES AND SIMPLIFYING INTERNATIONAL TRADE DOCUMENTATION. GOG WOULD ACT ON SEVERAL OF THE MISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND HAD SOUGHT FURTHER ADVICE ON REVIEW MACHINERY FOR CUSTOMS PROCEDURES. HE WAS NOT SURE, HOWEVER, THAT GOG WOULD ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE JULY. HE ALSO AGREED TO STUDY THE US INDICATIVE REQUEST LIST (PARA ONE REFTEL A) AND WE HAVE GIVEN HIM A COPY.

5. ANKRAH ALSO SAID THAT CURRENT GOG THINKING WAS NOT TO SUBMIT AN ADDITIONAL REQUEST LIST (AGAIN, SEE PARA 3 REFTEL B).

6. COMMENT: THE SIMPLIFICATION OF CUSTOMS PROCEDURES MAY COUNT FOR SOMETHING, BUT NONE HAVE YET BEEN IMPLEMENTED AND NOT ALL THE UNCTAD RECOMMENDATIONS WILL NECESSARILY BE ACCEPTED. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH ANKRAH AFTER HE HAS HAD TIME TO STUDY US INDICATIVE REQUEST LIST IN HOPES OF GETTING GOG ACCEPTANCE OF SOME OF THESE.
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